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Dear Stan,

Here are amendments I would propose to the E Timor document:

I. Amendments to the resolution:

Additions for the 'whereas' section of the resolution:

- whereas the Indonesian authorities exercise firm control over foreign visitors wisning to observe conditions in East Timor and have publicly said that they will "never welcome investigative visits", [Stan, this quote is from a statement oy Ali Alatas, Jakarta Post, 16 September 1987, when he was ambassador to the UN in New York; he is now Indonesia's Foreign Minister.]

- whereas, under the terms of Resolution 37/30, the UN Secretary-General has since 1982 been conducting consultations with Portugal and Indonesia but not with representarives of the people of East Timor, to reach a settlement of the East Timor question,

- whereas many governments in the European Community permit the export of military equipment to Indonesia regardless of its illegal occupation of East Timor and its continuing military operations in the country,

Amendments and additions to the second section:

Point 2 to read:

2. Condemns the Indonesian policy of denying independent foreign visitors the chance to examine conditions in the country and in particular, to investigate reports of human rights violations;

Two additional points, after point 5:

6. Calls upon the UN Secretary-General, in his efforts to find a solution, to consult not only with Portugal and Indonesia but also with representatives of the people of East Timor;

7. Calls upon all governments in the Community to halt the export of military

equipment to Indonesia in view of its illegal occupation of East Timor and the continuation of military operations in the country;

II. Amendments to the explanatory statement

page 8, line 4:

ASDT (socdem party) should read: 'Fretilin, (Revoluttonary Front for an Independent East Timor).'

page 8, 7th line from bottom:

'West Irian' should read: 'West Papua'

page 9, line 10:

the bracketed words should read: '(the Democratic Republic of East Timor, proclaimed on 28 November 1975, had been recognised....etc)'

page 10, section D:

Add a para at beginning to read:

In 1981, Fretilin re-organised itself and began again to mount resistance to the forces of occupation, winning the support of sizable sections of the population in the towns and in the settlements controlled by the Indonesian army.

Two paras down:

'The negotiations were broken off in September 1983' should read: 'The cease-fire broke down in August 1983...'

page 10, 4 lines from bottom:

'However, Fretilin is not a serious military threat to the Indonesians. Conversely' should read: 'Although small in number, Fretilin forces continue to tie down at least fifteen thousand Indonesian troops, to seize weapons and to inflict many casualties on the Indonesian army. As a result, the Indonesian army ...etc

page 11, line 4

The sentence starting 'In any event, the famine...etc' should read: 'Claims that the famine prevailing in the late 70s and early 80s nas been overcome, have been rejected by East Timorese who have recently been able to leave the country and who report serious food shortages and starvation, particularly in the eastern part of the country.'

page 11, line 10 from bottom:

'advocated union with Indonesia'should read: 'advocated association with Portugal as a prelude to independence but it now supports... etc'

page 11, line 5 from bottom:

'and are failing...etc' should read: 'and cannot reach an acceptable solution because the people most directly concerned in the conflict, the East Timorese, have not been drawn into the negotiations.'